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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady at best, but mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to good, best into fast food and finer restaurants. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for needs. In the parts structure, wings were balanced to tight and received best interest. Trading for the remaining items was mixed, mostly moderate at best with supplies at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/12-07/17/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	55.50	55.47	17	57.33	24
Chicago	52.00-55.00	54.88	53	56.90	88
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	61.42	24
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	64.29	14
Denver	65.50	65.50	16	64.90	31
Detroit	53.00-56.00	56.38	16	58.09	44
Los Angeles	66.00	65.14	74	64.63	148
New York	54.00-56.00	55.22	46	57.26	96
Philadelphia	52.00-55.00	53.58	12	54.82	25
Pittsburgh	52.50-54.50	54.45	11	60.16	64
St. Louis	55.00	54.29	21	56.37	47
San Francisco	66.50	65.82	31	68.10	82

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	07/12/99	Change/Last Wk	07/05/99	07/13/98
687	60.39	-0.48	60.87	68.86

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	59.00-62.00	59.70	29
Central	58.00-62.50	60.76	63
West	57.00-69.00	63.62	62

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-61.00	60.08	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,187	52.00-63.50	60.21

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	164.00	4,400
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00	2,537
THIGH MEAT - B/S	67.50	596
LEG QUARTERS	23.50	9,382
WINGS	49.50	3,305

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was unaggressive to fair, best where featured. Supplies were usually sufficient for present needs. In the parts structure, wings were adequate to close balanced with moderate to good movement, and the remaining items were at least adequate with light to fair interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market was steady. Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. Offerings generally adequate. Demand for wholebody was fair to fairly good, best to cover features; demand for parts was fairly good overall, best by fast food. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The market was firm on wings with balance of parts steady. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 56.99 up .84 with the volume reported up 36 percent at 30 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices into Chicago and St. Louis were unchanged, irregular into Detroit and TFEWR into Ohio from last Tuesday's reported prices. Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with sizes desirable. Movement into all channels was moderate to good with fast food outlets and white table cloth restaurants receiving best call. Features noted in the St. Louis area on whole bagged fryers at 49 cents. Parts trading was most active on split breasts and leg quarters with supplies of all items adequate. The trade sentiment was generally steady on all parts.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair at best. Offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs with smaller sizes ranging adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts market, leg quarters were barely steady to weak. Breast items were steady with some caution noted on boneless skinless breast. Wings were fully steady to firm.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate at best. Seller offerings were readily available on the 2.5 and 3 pound sizes; adequate to fully adequate on the heavier weights. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly light to desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, wings remained in tight supply and best demand. Leg quarters were ample and generally slow in clearing. Breast items were in a bit better balance, but remained fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**
RANGE 55-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE 61.02
NO. OF BOXES 6,969

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was mixed and irregular following the weekend. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs with the exception of wings which were mostly tight. Retail and distributive movement was light to moderate. The market tone was about steady. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	164.29	224,480
TENDERLOINS	-	140.35	67,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	76.96	172,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	67.34	100,480
LEGS	30-31	34.26	246,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	22.69	286,807
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	34.50	65,460
THIGHS	17-18	29.23	49,080
B/S THIGHS	70-71	72.90	20,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	55.57	118,960
ACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.23	17,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	24.57	14,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35	39.59	32,080

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	766	140.00-170.00	155-160	154.76
TENDERLOINS	219	140.00-209.00	-	177.11
BREAST - WITH RIBS	480	67.00-70.00	70	69.00
FRONT HALVES	680	58.00-68.00	60-62	61.00
LEGS	100	33.00-34.00	34	33.80
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	523	19.50-23.00	19.5-21	21.09
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,323	23.00-23.25	23.25	23.23
WINGS (WHOLE)	198	37.00-44.00	40-43	41.38
DRUMSTICKS	181	27.00-36.00	27	28.04
THIGHS	107	19.00-25.00	19	20.32

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/12	07/08	07/08	07/05	07/01
ALA	3,845	3,791	4.99	628	5.05
ARK	5,179	4,880	4.93	940	4.94
DELMARVA	2,442	2,347	4.93	(A)	5.04
KY-LA-TN	1,765	1,832	4.36	645	4.36
MISS	2,800	2,742	4.87	(A)	4.89
NC	2,321	2,506	5.44	765	5.51
TEXAS	2,063	2,058	4.64	1,681	4.62
TOTAL	20,415	20,156	4.91	5,036	4.95
MON	20,415(B)			5,036(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Jul 1999 is estimated to be 30,543,000 up 304.17 percent from a week ago and up 9.57 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 7,557,000, last year 27,876,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	871	147.00-196.00	147-155	169.72
TENDERLOINS	147	140.00-200.00	140-150	180.88
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	75.00-78.00	78	77.75
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	122	29.50-39.00	29.5	29.66
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	485	20.00-23.00	20-22	21.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,764	22.00-26.00	22-24	23.13
WINGS (WHOLE)	264	41.00-49.00	41-48	45.32
WINGS (CUT)	412	57.00-66.00	57-59	58.87
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JULY 12, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.50 - 47.75	45.51	44.36

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 07/12-07/16/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 185.00	155.00 -
BREAST - LINE RUN	70.00 - 88.00	72.00 - 76.00
LEGS	32.50 - 38.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20.00 - 29.00	22.00 - 24.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 50.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	40.00 - 47.00	44.00 - 46.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

CENTS PER POUND. **RANGE**

WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-92
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	80-98
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	145-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-91
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	359
RABBITS-CUT UP	376

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-98
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	118
	ICE PACK	104-110
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	92
DUCKS		149-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. July 09, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-17.50	17.50	16.00-18.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.34	17.50	17.45	18.00

1,035,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	17.00	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	17.00		17.00

860,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-17.00	14.00	12.00-16.00	14.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.28	14.00	12.88	14.71

1,497,680 pounds, this includes 160,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Trade sentiment was mixed, but usually steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-JUL-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-19.5	15-17.5	15.66

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. July 09, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	-	12.00-15.00	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	-	14.14	16.00

326,400 pounds, this includes 40,800 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-15.00	-	11.00-13.00	13.00-16.50
WTD AVERAGE	14.60		11.92	13.59

2,040,000 pounds, this includes 40,800 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light and seasonal as offerings were usually ample for processors needs. Schedules were normal to heavy. The undertone was mixed and unsettled, but still mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-JUL-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-18.5	15-17	15.93
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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